



Tooele Army Depot Highlights 50th Anniversary of Korean War

By Kathy Anderson, TEAD PAO

To honor and thank our veterans during the golden anniversary of the Korean War, Tooele Army Depot hosted a Prayer Breakfast, 7 May, at the Eagle's Nest.

Bob Anderson, Director of Ammunition Equipment, gave welcoming remarks; Terry Thompson, Civilian Executive Assistant, invocation; Chris Tillman, Director of Public Works & Logistics, talked about the historical view of the Korean War; Tony Rogers, Director of Resource Management, presented a tribute to his father—Glenn Rogers, who was a veteran of the Korean War; LTC Montgomery, TEAD commander, spoke about what Korea is like today; Chaplain Anstead, 1-145th Utah National Guard, concluded with the benediction.

Musical numbers from Chelci Nix

and Leona Schultz were spectacular. Chelci sang "Proud to be an American," and "What If." Leona sang a wartime medley from WWI, WWII, and Vietnam—"Over There," "I'll be seeing you," and "Try to Remember." Entertainment also included a ballet number to the music of "Heroes," by Catherine Schultz, Shayna Watson, and Lauren Watson.

While Tony Rogers was telling stories of his father, Glenn, a picture slide show was going in the background. These were actual photo's of Glenn and his unit during the Korean War.

"Korea is still a very dangerous place," stated LTC Montgomery. His wife and children spent some time there last summer visiting relatives. "My children ate at places

like McDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken, that's how ultra modern Korea has become," he stated. "I am very grateful for the soldiers of the Korean War. Korea is a tremendous country, and they owe us a lot and we owe them a lot," he stated.

The war, stemming from Communist aggression by the North Koreans, lasted from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953. During that 37-month period more than 54,000 Americans died; 33,651 were killed in action. There were 103,000 Americans wounded, 8,177 missing in action and 7,000 prisoners of war. Technically the war still continues since no peace agreement was reached. An armistice was signed to stop the fighting.

This Prayer Breakfast was hosted to show that a Grateful Nation still remembers their countless contributions. The official commemoration period is from June 25, 2000 through November 11, 2003.



(Left) Tony Rogers and his father, Glenn Rogers

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TEAD to crackdown on seatbelt violators

The war against terror isn't the only mobilization underway by the U.S. military. The Tooele Army Depot will partner with more than 12,000 other law enforcement agencies in a nationwide crackdown against seat belt violators.

During the national "Click It or Ticket Mobilization," Security Forces will intensify enforcement of child passenger safety laws, seat belt laws and impaired driving laws by setting up checkpoints and saturation patrols. Drivers failing to restrain themselves and their child passengers will be ticketed according to the law.

Military personnel by virtue of age and gender typically epitomize the law belt user: males ages 18-34, which is why teens and young adults will continue to be a key target of Click It or Ticket. According to the new data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 7,772 teens, ages 16-20, died in traffic crashes in 2002—nearly a six percent increase from 2001—and thousands more were injured.



The two-week enforcement will be supported by more than \$20 million in state and national advertising. It is based on a proven public health model to increase belt use called "high visibility enforcement."

High-visibility enforcement relies on periods of intense enforcement of seat belt laws coupled with aggressive communications to let people know about the enforcement. For many non-seat belt users, and especially young people, the threat of a ticket has proven to be a greater inducement to buckle up than the threat

of injury or death. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, if every state conducted high-visibility enforcement, 5,000 to 7,000 lives could be saved each year.

The TEAD Safety Office has been proactive with the campaign. They have given out various items to all drivers and passengers that have been buckled up.

Accidents happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime -

Accidents happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime regardless of age, race, gender, rank and other specifics. Accidents normally are just what the definition says—mishaps, sometimes tragic, that weren't planned or intended to occur.

When they happen, the victim becomes a statistic reported on the yearly tally. And yet, these statistics have a human side—the 19-year old airman who died when he crossed the center line and struck another car head-on; the 41-year old staff sergeant who drowned while trying to retrieve an inner tube; or the 55-year old senior master sergeant who died after riding his bicycle into the rear of a stopped vehicle.

These are only examples, but the situations could apply to anyone.

The critical days of summer has begun. Since Memorial Day is the kick off for summer activities; swimming pools are open, camping, hiking, and all outdoor activities, we have to begin thinking of safety. Make sure you and your family practice the safety rules this summer.

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2 killed in roll over at Tooele Army Depot

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Ryan Brent Stark, 27 years of age, from Orem, Utah, stationed at Tooele Army Depot with his unit—C Battery, 1-145th Field Artillery Battalion, Utah Army National Guard; and Mr. Duane R. Gross, 53 years of age, civilian contractor with Premier Professional Systems, Inc., Huntsville, Alabama, were both killed in a tragic accident on Friday, May 23, at approximately 2:30 p.m. at Tooele Army Depot.

The 5-ton government vehicle that SPC Stark was driving left the roadway and rolled several times ending on its side, killing both occupants. The vehicle belonging to the 1-145th had been recently refitted, as were other unit 5-tons, with a new anti-lock braking system by Premiere Professional Systems. At the time of the accident, SPC Stark was receiving a driving certification test by the contractor on the new ABS system. Both occupants were wearing their seat belts.

The U.S. Army Safety Center, Ft. Rucker, Alabama, has a team on the ground investigating the accident. Other participants in the investigation include: TACOM Logistics Assistant Representative from Ft. Lewis, Washington, safety personnel from the Joint Munitions Command (JMC), Rock Island, Illinois, and the National Guard Bureau.

The 5-ton truck remained at the accident site under 24 hour guard watch. Once cleared by the investigation team on Monday, 26 May, the vehicle was moved to a secure location.

Until the investigation is complete, the cause of the accident is not known. Photo's of the accident will not be released.

SPC Stark was a 1994 graduate from Mountain View High School. He was currently going to college at the Utah Valley State College, Orem, Utah. He would have received his Associates Degree this December. He was employed as a welder/machinist at Colledge Machine, Lindon, Utah. He had also been a firefighter for the U.S. Forest Service. He had been serving on active duty for the past year supporting the Deseret Chemical Depot in Operation Noble Eagle II. SPC Stark and his wife, Cami, have two sons.

Duane R. Gross retired from the Army 1968 to 1988 where he experienced a wide range of knowledge in several military occupational skills, including Small Arms Repair, Track Vehicle Mechanic and Combat Arms. He graduated from the U.S. Army Track Vehicle Mechanic School in 1968. Duane was employed at Premier Professional Systems, Incorporated in 1999. His initial assignment was as a Mechanic on the M939 family of vehicles Stabilization Program. Prior to his assignment, Duane received training on the M939 system, corporate safety, quality assurance, human resources elements, finance and accounting requirements and other organizational training classes. In April 2000, Duane's skills were required on Premier's Ground Combat Logistics program as a Heavy Equipment mechanic (Welder). Duane and his wife, Nam Sun, lived in Copperas Cove, Texas.

Too much stock in anti-locks and air bags—

Anti-lock brakes and air bags save lives in automobiles but they are not the only mechanism that can be the difference between life and death. Driving safely is just as important, and sometimes investing your time and money in training, maintenance and equipment for your vehicle can reduce the chances of getting into a car accident. Though there are many out there who don't realize this, it's true. The American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety offers the following advice: 1) Buy a tire gauge and learn how to check your tires; blowouts are common and cause you to skid off the road. 2) Learn how to personally inspect your brake fluid. All you have to do is lift the hood, find out where the fluid goes and check it every now and then to see where the level is. No brake fluid means no brakes, which is worse than experiencing a blowout. 3) buy a hands-free cell phone for emergencies.

— Bankrate.com

Terror alert level raises to orange

By Gerry J. Gilmore
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WASHINGTON—The national terror alert level was hiked Tuesday from elevated “yellow” to high “orange” based on intelligence reports that al Qaeda terrorists may attempt to again strike the United States or target Americans abroad.

Earlier in the day, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge appeared before the House Homeland Security Select Committee. Committee Chair Rep. Christopher Cox reported there that Ridge would be on his way to the White House to update President Bush on the homeland security situation after testifying. The decision to raise the threat level came afterwards. Ridge assured committee members that his department is on guard for possible terrorist acts. “I truly believe that we’re considerably...safer today than we were on Sept 10, 2001,” Ridge said.

Since his department became operational less than three months ago, Ridge noted that his agency has “made a great deal of progress” in going about its business of protecting America and its people from terrorism. “We’re off to a good start, understanding that we still have a long way to go,” he pointed out.

For example, as part of Operation Liberty Shield during the heightened threat period in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Ridge noted that federal, state and local governments “identified critical assets and went out and hardened those assets.”

“We are not more vulnerable because of what happened on Sept. 11,” Ridge pointed out. “We’re just more aware of our vulnerabilities.”

He acknowledged that protecting the U.S. homeland, its citizens and critical infrastructure against terrorism is a challenge, due to the country’s size and long borders. “The fact is, we have an open, diverse and welcoming country,” Ridge stated. America, he noted, has extensive inland waterways, coastlines and borders to protect, as well as millions of visitors each year.

“We do have a lot of challenges ahead of us, but I think the men and women of the (Homeland Security) Department are up to it,” he said.

Ridge last raised the threat level from yellow to orange on March 17, when the president provided his ultimatum to since-deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

DoD announces mishap reduction initiative

News Release from the U.S. Department of Defense

The DoD announced that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has challenged the heads of the military departments and the defense agencies to reduce the number of mishaps and the mishap rates by 50 percent in the next two years. This action was taken as the mishap rates have recently increased and the secretary wants to reverse this trend.

“World-class organizations do not tolerate preventable accidents,” said Rumsfeld. “These goals are achievable, and will directly increase our operational readiness. We owe no less to the men and women who defend our nation.”

This direction applies to all DoD activities and includes military on and off-duty, active duty, as well as Reserve and National Guard forces, and all civilian employees. The reduction goal also applies to all operations of aircraft, weapons, ordnance, motor vehicles, maritime assets, and installations.

In fiscal year 2002, 82 personnel died in aviation accidents. That is 17 more than the 65 aviation flight related deaths in fiscal year 2001. Likewise, 63 aircraft were destroyed last year compared to 46 destroyed aircraft in the previous year. These accident statistics do not include the 184 deaths due to the terrorist attack at the Pentagon. DoD updates these aviation rates on a daily basis and posts them on www.denix.osd.mil/SOH-public/accidents.

Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness David S.C. Chu has been designated to lead the accident reduction effort. This is a concerted effort to engage all levels of DoD leadership in mishap prevention strategies and initiatives. Initiatives include: developing a real-time mishap decision support system; applying commercial technologies, where practical, on high-risk equipment such as aircraft; and finding ways to implement best practices from industry and other government agencies into DoD activities.



Army to tighten travel-card policy

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WASHINGTON — Using the government travel card when changing duty stations will no longer be permitted, and Army officials said non-authorized use of the card will be met with harsher penalties.

Congress directed the Department of Defense to develop a comprehensive disciplinary policy for military personnel and civilians who misuse the Bank of America travel card. The policy is scheduled to be released soon, said Francis A. Rago, the U.S. Army Travel Card Program manager.

In addition to discontinuing use of the travel card during permanent change-of-station moves, a memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of the Army states that cards are to be deactivated prior to departure from duty stations, unless there is temporary duty en route.

Other changes to the travel card program, effective immediately, are: commands and activities should not use the card to pay for conference registration fees, charge cards of mobilized reservists will be transferred to active-duty agencies and deactivated until use is required; cardholders are not required to use their card for travel expenses associated with mission deployments.

At the installation level, one of the first changes program coordinators made was to put the accounts of infrequent travelers in a closed or inactive status.

“We started cutting our list of cardholders two years ago by deactivating accounts, and we have a success story now,” said Cynthia Jackson, from the Garrison Resource Management Service Center at Fort McPherson, Ga. “The Army’s goal is for installations to keep dollars delinquent below 4.5 percent and account delinquencies below 3 percent, ours is at 1 percent,” Jackson said. “Creating a smaller list of cardholders allows us to keep tabs on our users. We know who is traveling, and what they are doing while in travel status.”

Fort McPherson is following the example set by DoD and the Army, by limiting their number of cardholders. The Army has cancelled more than 156,000 travel-card accounts since October, and currently has 280,000 open accounts. The number of accounts will fluctuate, and once current legislation is implemented, cards will not be issued to those who are not credit-worthy, Pentagon officials said.

Commanders and program coordinators have always had the responsibility of maintaining accountability of their cardholders, but according to the January memorandum from Army Secretary Thomas White’s office,

travel-card coordinators now must review at least 10 percent of active accounts monthly. Investigating accounts is how Jackson said her organization keeps cardholders out of danger of nonpayment.

“If we notice that an account is 30 days late, we contact the commander or unit point of contact before the account goes past 60 days,” Jackson said.

The travel card program is simple, Rago said. Cardholders use the card only for official travel expenses, a claim for reimbursement is done immediately upon return, and split disbursement is used to pay their travel card bill.

Under split disbursement, part of a reimbursement would be sent directly to Bank of America and the balance to the traveler’s bank account. Congress is now considering legislation that could mandate split disbursement for some cardholders.

In any case, not paying the bill could affect the user’s credit and security clearance, Pentagon officials said. At Congress’ direction, there will be a government-wide quarterly report on the travel card program, to include a statistical summary of disciplinary action taken, officials added. Misuse will also go through security channels to determine whether there should be an impact on the cardholder’s security clearance.

Since March, there were 6,869 delinquent travel card accounts, equating to \$4.1 million in delinquency. Those numbers show progress in reducing the Army’s outstanding debt to Bank of America, officials said. Accounts that have past due balances made up 16.25 percent of Army accounts last year, but delinquent accounts now only total 5.24 percent.

- **TEAD augmentation force from A Co, 132d En Bn (California Army National Guard) will transfer authority to the incoming unit, also from California Army National Guard, A Co, 2-185th AR, on 11 June at 1000 hours, in front of TEAD Headquarters. Incoming soldiers will arrive at TEAD from their mobilization station 1-3 June, and complete training 4-11 June.**
- **DCD augmentation force from C Battery, 1-145th Field Artillery Battalion (Utah Army National Guard) will transfer authority to the incoming unit, from California Army National Guard, A Co, 2-185th AR, on 12 June, 1400 hours, TEAD Parade Field.**

Employee's Corner



Gil Brown, Directorate of Public Works & Security, Law Enforcement and Security Division, retired from Tooele Army Depot with more than 30 years of service. Gil was presented a retirement plaque on April 24, 2003. Good luck Gil.



CPT Robert Kofford, Swing Shift Supervisor, Law Enforcement and Security Division was presented with his 30 years of federal service certificate and clock by LTC Montgomery, TEAD commander. Robert and his wife, Jan, have been married for 17 years. They have one son and two daughters. Robert enjoys hunting and dirt bikes.

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EVENTS FOR JUNE

Weekly Events:

June 9-15—National Credit Awareness Week. Take control of our financial life and order a copy of your credit report. Take steps to correct any errors.

June 22-28—National Cheese Week. Celebrate the power of cheese...just don't forget to rejoin society.

June 23-27—Take Your Pet to Work Week. Better ask your boss first.

Month of June:

Cancer from the Sun Month.
Fireworks Safety Month.
International People Skills Month.
National Candy Month.
National Rose Month.

Daily Events:

June 1—National Cancer Survivors Day. To honor and show support for cancer survivors and their families.

June 7—Daniel Boone Day. Celebrates the day, back in 1767, that the famous frontiersman set foot in what we know today as Kentucky.

June 14—Flag Day. The national holiday for displaying the American flag.

June 15—Father's Day. Time to honor dear old dad.

June 21—First Day of Summer. This day has the most hours of daylight of the year, aka the summer solstice.

June 21—Baby Boomer's Recognition Day. To recognize and honor the contributions this generation has made to society and culture during the past half century.